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*Zanzibar: Yesterday's arrest of the US chargé in Zanzibar is a further indication of the [redacted] [redacted] essentially anti-American character of the new regime's leaders.

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President Karume and Foreign Minister Babu personally arrested Chargé Picard at gunpoint and publicly held him responsible for unflattering news dispatches four American correspondents had attempted to file. Earlier in the day Picard succeeded in obtaining the release of the newsmen, who had been detained after illegally entering the island. All five Americans plus the only other remaining embassy officer are now under arrest.

Karume told Picard that the new government had "broken off whatever relations remained with the United States," and a few hours later he declared Picard persona non grata. It is likely that other anti-American and anti-Western moves will follow.

Regime leaders, who are attempting to consolidate their position, fear that the already completed evacuation of all other Americans and nearly half the 400 British nationals will contribute to instability. The British High Commissioner, who is attempting to avert "complete chaos," has insisted that British expatriates who work in the Zanzibar Government must remain at their jobs.

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Despite Karume's nominal leadership of the new regime, his lack of education and organizational ability will probably bring him increasingly under Babu's influence. Karume has a reputation for [redacted] [redacted] His bitter hatred of the Arabs who formerly dominated the government probably contributed to his alliance with Babu's Communist supporters. [redacted]

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Cyprus: *Cyprus remains tense as the London conference continues.*

British General Young has ordered his men to take every means, including firing if necessary, to prevent attack by either side across the truce line which separates the two communities. British forces hitherto have not been permitted to use their arms except in self-defense.

The Cypriot Communist Party (AKEL) is continuing its campaign to create a united front with the Greek Cypriot nationalists. One leader of President Makarios' right-wing Patriotic Front (PF) states that an AKEL spokesman has proposed that collaboration at the local level be "formalized."

The USSR has supported the Greek Cypriots by public statements, radiobroadcasts, and diplomatic pressure in Ankara.

A majority of PF legislative deputies, despite the party's anti-Communist record, reportedly would consider aligning Cyprus' foreign policy more closely with that of the USSR. They are disappointed with the attitudes of the Western powers and they feel they need the support of a major power in their struggle against the Turks. Most PF leaders appear to oppose working more closely with the local Communists at this time. This latter attitude might change quickly if Turkish armed forces invaded Cyprus. *In*

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the PF would give the Communists weapons and
"responsibilities" in the military sector.]

[In Ankara, the commander of the Turkish ground forces has re-emphasized that his government intends to intervene unilaterally on Cyprus if other means fail to prevent "a new massacre" of Turkish Cypriots. The continued concentration of forces in the Iskenderun area gives Turkey the capability for taking such action with little or no warning.]

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*Pakistan-India: [Pakistani Foreign Minister Bhutto has informed the Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan that his government plans to bring the problem of communal riots in India before the UN Security Council.]

[Bhutto might be inhibited from taking this action, however, by the renewed outbreak of anti-Hindu rioting this week in Pakistan.]

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